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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

CHINA.

Hongkong—Plague—Examination of Rats.

Surg. Brown reports: During the week ended September 7, 1912, there were reported at Hongkong 3 cases of plague with 2 deaths.

During the same period 1,239 rats were examined for plague infection. No plague-infected rat was found.

CUBA.

Habana—Inspection of Vessels Clearing for the United States.

Acting Asst. Surg. Wilson reports as follows regarding the inspection of vessels clearing for ports in the United States:

Week ended Sept. 28, 1912.

Bills of health issued.....	34
Vessels inspected and passed.....	25
Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected.....	1, 013
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	530
Vessels fumigated to kill rats.....	17
Vessels fumigated by Cuban authorities under supervision of the Public Health Service.....	5
Vessels certified as complying with paragraph 35, United States Quarantine Regulations.....	10
Bills of health issued recommending fumigation of vessels on arrival at United States ports.....	3

During the week ended September 28, 1912, there were examined for plague infection 484 rats. No plague-infected rat was found.

DAHOMEY.

Yellow Fever.

From May 21 to June 5, 1912, there were reported 6 cases of yellow fever with 3 deaths at Abomey. On June 13 a death from yellow fever was reported at Porto Novo.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Liverpool—Destruction of Rats.

The following statement from the medical officer of health at Liverpool was received through Consul Washington under date of September 24:

A systematic warfare has been carried on for a number of years in this port and city against rats. The sanitary authorities employ special rat catchers throughout the year and have recently added to the number of professional rat catchers employed. A large proportion of the rats caught, approximating 60 to 70 per cent, are sent to